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**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully submit the enclosed amended claims (including corrected status identifiers) in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 14, 2004. Pursuant to the instructions on the notice, Applicants are resubmitting only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document (i.e., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section). The remarks in the previously submitted amendment dated July 16, 2004, are incorporated herein by reference. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to re-examine the remarks in the previous amendment in light of the enclosed amended claims.

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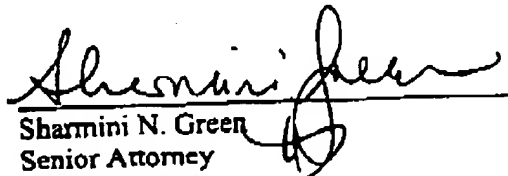
**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome and that pending Claims 1-29 are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance in this case. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 406-2362.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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